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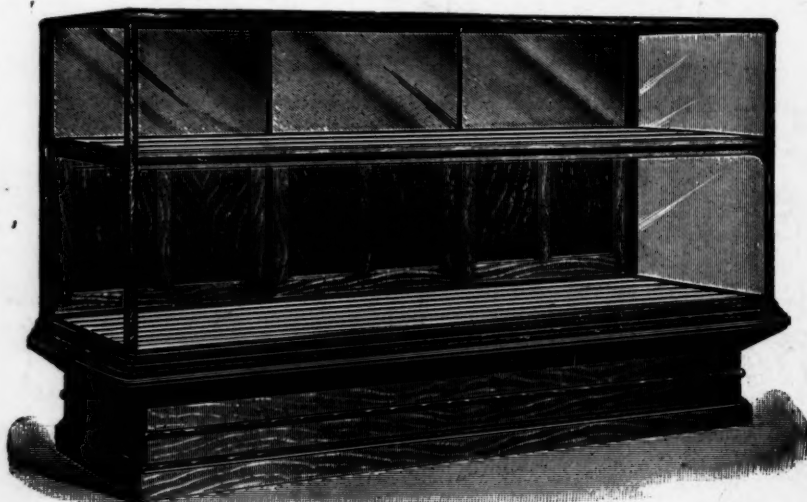
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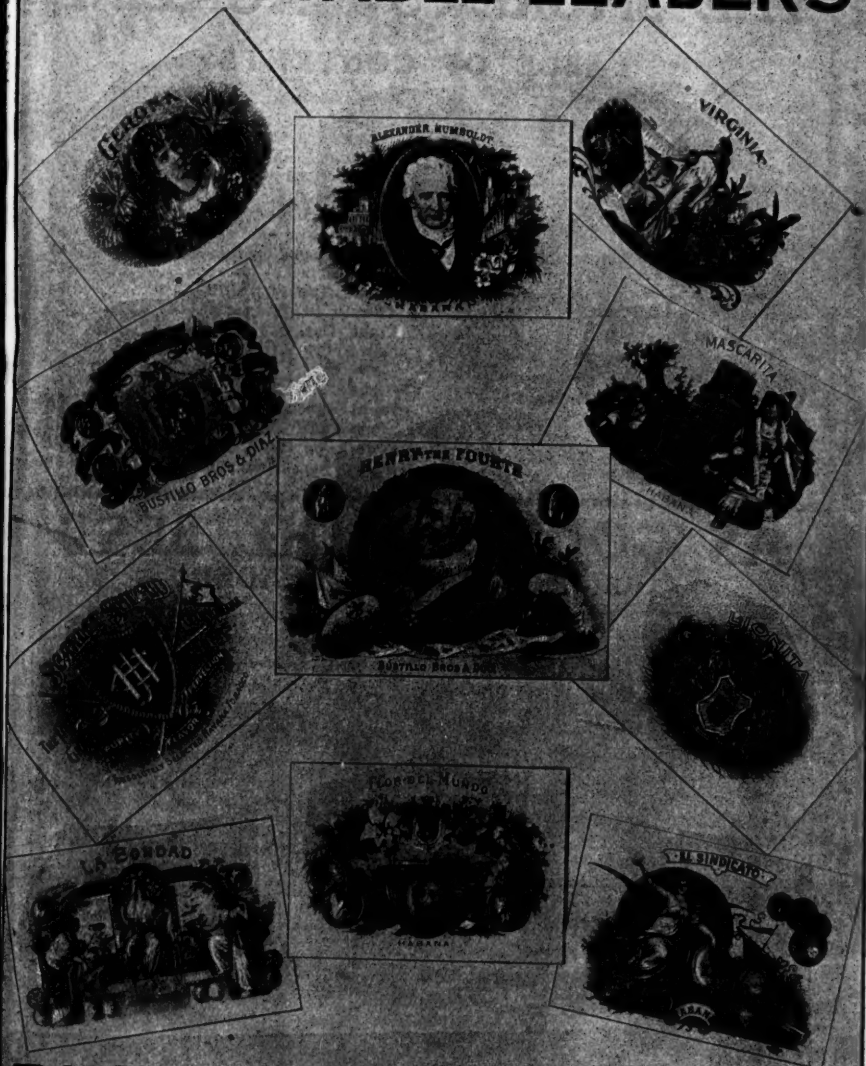
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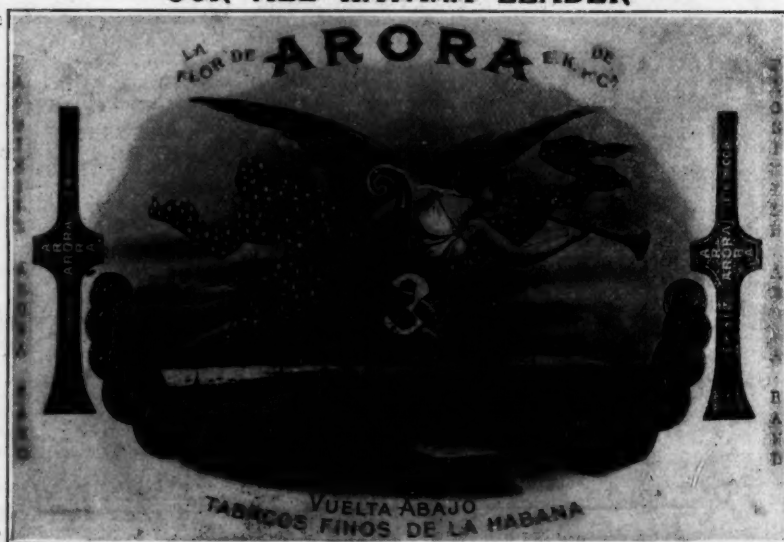
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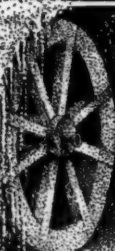
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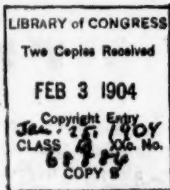
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## ✻ Making A Clay Pipe. ✻

**E**VERY smoker at some period of his life has smoked a clay pipe, and doubtless, liked it—yet few of them know how or where the common clay pipe of commerce is made. There are five large plants in the United States that turn out millions of them every year. Let us take

they are transported from the banks to the factories, one would hardly believe that the snowy, cheap little article could have been manufactured from material so different in color. The color of this clay, before it is burned, is dark gray, like cement. Nor is the process of manufacturing



HARRISON, CLEVELAND AND M'KINLEY CLAY PIPES.

an interesting trip through one of the factories, say at Woodbridge, N. J., a queer little town given over to this odd manufacture, to follow the pipe from the time it is dug as clay to the finished product as it appears when ready for the market.

Looking at the lumps of clay as

one of these pipes as simple as might be imagined from the absurdly low price.

As the clay comes into the factory it is broken and pulverized and put to soak in water for 10 to 12 hours, so that in the ensuing process it will work smoothly and evenly. The clay

is then put into a mill, where it is stirred by machinery until finally it becomes as stiff as dough. In this state the clay is roughly molded into lumps and distributed among the pipe makers, who begin the first step in the making of a clay pipe. The man we are watching grasps a small chunk of clay in each hand, and begins rolling the clay between the bench and his palms; he quickly produces two carrot-shaped and pointed rolls that bear little or no resemblance to the article when finished. With incredible speed the fashioning of these rolls continues, for ahead of the expert is the problem of turning out something like 75 gross of pipes a week.

Then the rolls are put away to dry, and for 10 or 12 hours they dry out so, that, once shaped, they will not readily fall to pieces. After that the clay is ready for molding. The ordinary mold consists of two pieces of iron of the same size hinged together on the side and opening like a box. Most of the factories have numerous molds, from the common, unadorned sort that comes in two pieces and is intended for the ordinary plain pipe to all sorts of elaborate patterns that come in six or eight pieces, and are made of brass and intended to fashion pipes in imitation of wooden models that happen to be in vogue.

After the drying out process the pipe maker takes one of the shapeless roll, tilts the fat end upward—which at once gives the suggestion of a pipe—and thrusts a wire through the pointed end, out of which the stem is to be pressed. This roughly fashioned clay is then put into the mold, which is shut tight and locked, while at the same time a plunger enters the mold and presses out the clay so as to form the bowl. With a dull knife the clay pressed out at the joints or sides of the mold is shaved off with a single lightning stroke by the expert, and then once more there

must be a drying process, this time in a room heated to about 85 degrees, where, as before, the pipe is kept for about 12 hours. Except that the pipe is of its original gray color and still soft, and with the burrs on each side where the two parts of the mold come together, it is now practically finished. Then comes the process of shaving off the burrs. At this stage the pipe still retains considerable dampness, so that the clay may be cut smoothly, while at the same time a wire is again passed through the stem, so as to insure a clear opening and proper draught.

All is now ready for the pipe in its final state, except that it needs to be burned. For this purpose it is put into a cylindrical vessel about a foot high and as much in diameter. This is known as a "sagger." Set one against the other, the pipes are adjusted solidly in the sagger, which will hold something like a gross of pipes when properly packed. If the pipes consist of the more fancy designs—that is, merely pipe bowls that are to be provided with stems and mouthpieces of wood or rubber—the saggings will hold as many as two gross of pipes. Nine of these saggings filled with pipes are known as a stand, and a medium sized kiln will hold 21 stands and will burn them all at the same time. For five hours the heat in the kiln is kept at a moderate temperature. After that it is run up, until at the end of 12 or 14 hours it is almost a white heat, which gives the pipes their spotless white finish.

The smoking-room on the average ocean greyhound is in bad odor—not because of the smoking there, but owing to the fleecing of the guileless through poker and other games of chance. Why not call it "The Gambler's Paradise," and put a sign over the door reading: "He who enters here leaves all money behind."

## THE TROUBLE WITH DAN.

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It was a wet night, very wet and chill, although the fine rain barely made the gutters run. A saturating night, deceptive to the eye and bringing woe to those unguarded souls who braved its seeming mildness scorning umbrella or mackintosh.

In the house of Finch Macomber all was hospitality and cheer. The volume of many cordial voices mingling with the strains of the city's choicest orchestra poured out into the gloom as the doors opened to admit well covered figures whose somber wrappings gave little hint of the rich apparel beneath.

She who a half hour ago was Justina Macomber, now to be known as Mrs. Almon Hartwell, stood, bright eyed and smiling, by her husband's side. Her hand ached from many fervent grasps; her round cheeks blushed from many kisses, welcome and otherwise. She longed for the moment when escape would be hers, and with Almon's arm about her they might hear the shutting of another carriage door and speed away upon life's happy journey.

The man at the door was still busy, although that lull had come between general arrival and departure. At first his broad, clean shaven face had borne a grin of polite welcome. Now it was grave and worried, and he glanced frequently over his shoulder to scan the throng crowding the rooms behind.

Many knew the old family indoor man and nodded at him familiarly, wondering at his perturbed look. Then his mistress came up.

"What's the trouble, Dan? Tired out?"

"No, mum."

"Anything go wrong?"

"No, mum; but there's a-many people here. Most of 'em I know. Some of 'em I don't. I'm frettin' lest you may have somethin' stole, mum."

Mrs. Macomber chuckled. "There isn't the slightest danger, Dan. What with an officer watching the presents and a detective keeping his eye on things, we needn't worry, I guess. Why don't you go now and get a bit to eat and a cup of coffee? You haven't

sat down since morn'ing. I'll tell Mary to take your place."

"No, mum! Not till they're all gone, mum."

"You're foolish," said the lady and moved away.

"Maybe!" muttered the old man, leaning one thick shoulder against the wall. "The bobby's a weary boy he's told me. Three nights now and not sleepin' well. 'Dan,' he says to me this noon, 'I dread the evenin'.' 'Tis hard for one pair of eyes to cover a mob. Two of us is one too few,' says he, 'but Mr. Macomber gives me the grand laugh, and I'll have to 'tend bar alone.' And it's so.

"The detective? A needle in a haystack! Oh, well, there'll prob'ly be nothin' happen. Ah, but to think of Miss Tina a-lavin' us. And to stop and kiss old Dan goodbye when she starts for the church, all in her weddin' gown like the angel she is. A baby when I first come twenty year ago to work on the hosses. Liked me, she did, and 'twas 'Dan, Dan!' till I was like a nurse gal and in the house helpin'. And me, three months after a ring fight. 'Twas time I quit; too old, too old. Lucky I've been to get where I am and no one suspectin'. Still, 'twas an honest trade, and only now and then I'd meet a man. A waiter, a coachman, a trainer, a fighter, a hostler, a nurse gal—he—he—and now a nice respectable old butler man mindin' the door and everything else. Sure, 'tis a curious round, a bloomin' queer one. Father a Yankee, mother English, me born in Australia, brought up in Frisco, fit in Kansas City and now for twenty year a New Yorker, decent and layin' up coin. Dan, you're not a bad sort to do so well by your gray hairs."

These reflections, cut short by a burst of shouting mirth, a rush of feet, a shower of rice and a flying slipper, changed to swift attention. Dan closed the portal after the fleeing couple and watched the scattering to the dressing rooms, for the exodus was at hand.

The crowd began to thin with Dan's rapid dispositions. A heavy set man, with his overcoat collar high turned to his ears, pressed close upon the heels of the Drayton party. There was a sudden stoppage. Dan's watchful eye



narrowed sharply. The old servant's hand stole cautiously up the back of the overcoat beside him to touch the hair and lift it slightly with an unfelt finger.

"Wig," he growled to himself, "and cropped! By"—

"Right along!" sounded his pleasant call, and with the movement his foot went out. The gentleman beside him stumbled and clicked his teeth with an exclamation.

"Beg pardon!" said the butler and caught him gently around the body, but with hands that ran searchingly and pressed on curious hard knobs.

"Go on, please," entreated Dan calmly, dropping his right arm and slipping to the left and forward. "Not hurt, sir. I hope?"

A mumbled "No," with a shake of the lowered head.

"Do move out!" cried the butler. "I want room. He's fainted."

No one had seen that heavy, paralyzing heart blow nor heard the gasp as the victim sank to his knees. Some looked back and shook their heads, unknowingly, to see good old Dan tenderly supporting the sufferer, while he called genially across the hall to the detective, talking to Mr. Macomber:

"Bracelets!"

After the last carriage had rolled away another was driven up, and the bracelets worn by the short haired, hard jawed man, so unceremoniously bundled in, were not Justina's.

ELLIOT WAIKER.

#### A Battle of Languages.

Three or four languages strove for mastery in ancient Gaul, which is now France. German was spoken by the 12,000 Frank invaders. Popular Latin was spoken by 6,000,000 Gallo-Romans. Literary Latin was the language of the church and of literature. Low Latin was afterward the language of the administration. German was the first to succumb. In four centuries it ceased to be understood by the soldiers, and in seventy years more it had become an object of ridicule. But it survives in more than 900 words, expressing the things of government, law and war, and thus forms no insignificant part of the French language.

#### EXPERT TESTIMONY.

[Original.]

Carl Kraaft, expert in chirography, sat in his study in the city of Berlin examining by lamplight a package of papers. While thus engaged the door opened and a stranger entered.

Kraaft had that afternoon testified in a murder case, in which he had shown conclusively that the prisoner had written threatening letters to the murdered man. The expert's reasons why these letters had been written by the same person as letters proved to have been written by the prisoner were so convincing that the jury would have convicted him without leaving their seats. But the case must be summed up by prosecuting attorney and counsel, and that would require another day.

"Herr Kraaft," said the visitor, "I listened to your testimony today in the Keller case, and my confidence in your skill is so great that I have decided to employ you in a case I have in hand."

"Please be seated, sir."

"Here is a letter which came to light after an interval of twenty years. It was written in 1849. You will remember that the year previous occurred the revolution of 1848. During that troublous period a prominent member of the legislative body defied the revolutionists, throwing all his influence with the government. He stated to several intimate friends that he had been threatened with death by the revolutionists if he did not cease his opposition to their work. One day he was found dead, and everybody knew that he had been murdered. Nevertheless the murderer or murderers were never discovered. This letter, recently found among the papers of the murdered man that escaped notice at the time of the murder, was evidently written by the leader of a revolutionary society and threatened him with death if he did not accede to the society's demands."

The speaker threw the letter on the desk before the expert. It read:

Herr K.:

The revolutionary committee warns you that if you speak tomorrow to the citizens of Berlin upholding the tyrant and denouncing the motives of the revolutionists you will never address another assembly. By order of the committee,

HANS OBERBECK, President.

The expert bent low over the letter as he read it.

"Now, the receiver of this letter," the visitor continued, "addressed the meeting referred to and the following day was found dead with a bullet in his back. Hans Oberbeck is well remembered as a young enthusiast but twenty-two years of age. He disappeared as soon as the revolution was suppressed. I have letters bearing date of 1852, 1857 and 1860 which are similar in chirography to the one before you, though they bear a different signature. I have come to you for the purpose of getting your opinion as to the identity of the writer of these recent letters with the man who wrote the one of 1848."

The speaker threw three more letters on the desk, which Kraaft opened and appeared to study intently for a time, then said: "The letters bearing the name of Oberbeck and these bearing the name of Herman cannot possibly have been written by the same person because I happen to remember that Oberbeck died of a fever in 1849. The reason I remember his death is that, he being a prominent revolutionist, it excited considerable comment at the time."

"And if he had not died of a fever he would have died by the rope."

"I remember that, too," said the expert in a scarcely audible voice.

"There is a chapter of this little story with which you are perhaps not familiar. A year ago the grave of Oberbeck was opened and found to contain a coffin filled with stones."

Kraaft made no reply, but bent lower over the letters, as though deeply immersed in them. Rising with the letter of Oberbeck in his hand he held it near the lamp, as if to get better light. Indeed, so near that a corner of it caught fire. In a twinkling the flame was blown out by the visitor, who covered the expert at the same time with a revolver.

"Pardon me," said the latter. "Your carelessness came near costing a life."

"How so?"

"You are not only to study this case, but you are to go over your testimony given today with a view to seeing if you have not been mistaken."

"What is your interest in that case?"

"The prisoner is my brother and an innocent man. That I know, though I can't prove it."

"How did you get these letters?"

"I am the grandnephew of Herr Keller, who was murdered by the revolutionary committee, probably by Hans Oberbeck himself. The Oberbeck letter only came into my possession a year ago. I immediately examined Oberbeck's grave, then put the case in the hands of detectives in America, where so many revolutionists went after the fiasco of 1848. They got on the track of Oberbeck, who returned to the fatherland in 1860, under the name of Herman. In 1861 he returned to America and entered the Union army. In 1866 he came to Berlin and has since been living here under the name of"—

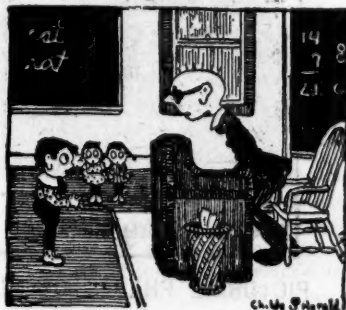
"Yes, yes; I see. I will go over my work in the Keller case and tomorrow will give revised testimony. A few days later I will sail for the United States. Is this satisfactory?"

"It is."

The next day Carl Kraaft was recalled to the stand at his own request and pointed out errors in his testimony that he had discovered only the night before. As this was the main testimony against the prisoner, he was acquitted.

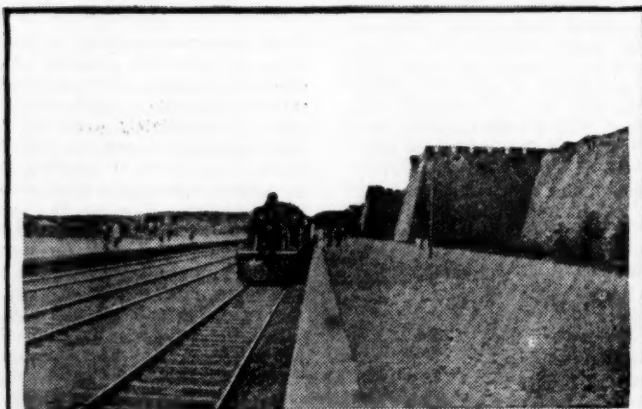
Three days later the expert sailed for America. KATE CARTER.

The Rude Boy.



What Willie really lacked was tact,  
Or else he never would have said  
That two times three was equal to  
The hairs upon his teacher's head.

—New York American.



**Russian Railroad along the  
Tartar Wall, Peking.**



**Scene along Russia's Manchurian Railroad.**

**PICITORIAL PHASES OF RUSSIA'S CONQUEST OF CHINA.**

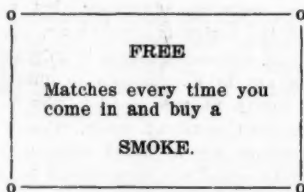
As one of the pictures shows, the hated iron horse of the "foreign devil" now runs along the edge of the Tartar wall of Peking. It is part of Russia's Transmanchurian railroad. In the lower picture are Russian railway employees, a train and Chinese policemen.

## The Advertising of Smokes.

**W**ITHOUT a display window and the desirable advertising obtained through the display of goods therein, many a business would prove a sad failure. The show window is the store's best advertisement—figuratively it reaches out into the street and pulls customers into the store. It is a "puller in" that no merchant can afford to do without. It is self-evident that a handsome and attractive window will prove more beneficial and far-reaching than a slipshod array of shop worn goods.

A certain amount of time should be set aside and used to enhance the window display. Study out in advance what may be deemed right and proper, jot down the ideas and arrangement in a rough sketch, and the ideas noted thereon may then be carried out when the next display is arranged.

The card suggestion following is of a general character that may be used in almost any cigar display. It is designed simply to attract attention to the window.



The wording in center of card may be altered to fit the case—but the top and bottom lines should necessarily be brought out in a strong plain letter.

Don't allow the show window to get stale and become covered with dust and dirt—the merchant is supposed to be offering the choicest goods in his

line to whoever may glance in the window; if the display is scrupulously clean, irrespective of its being an artistic and well arranged window, it will create a favorable impression—dirt and dust will have a contrary effect and will repel prospective purchases rather than attract them.

Here is another original suggestion for a store or window sign which, when rightly reproduced, will have a salutary effect:



The display at top and bottom should be bold and easily read.

The window display should be changed at least once a week—better still, two or three times a week. Articles in the window should be carefully dusted whenever necessary, even before visible to the passer-by. A small light feather duster with a long bamboo handle, may be used for this purpose and the various articles dusted lightly without disarranging them. This should be the work of one of the clerks early every morning. It may not be quite so necessary when the rear of the display window is enclosed in glass. However, when the back of the window is open the dusting is almost absolutely necessary, as a certain amount of dust will accumulate every twenty-four hours.

As repeatedly urged in this department, a selection of the very best goods should be shown in the window—not too many of them, for the reason that over-crowding is even worse than having a “stingy display,” through the use of an insufficient number of articles. An excellent argument for the use of as few goods in the display as is consistent, is the fact that articles when shown in the strong light and exposure of the window deteriorate in value, and when left too long become shop-worn and damaged, and must eventually be sacrificed at a loss, and the less goods there are the smaller the loss; and if the goods are changed frequently and not allowed to remain long, this depreciation in value will be reduced to a minimum.

Many of the clerks have original ideas now and then and it is well for every business to adopt a measure to lead employees to make suggestions and turn in their ideas. A box might be provided for such communications and a prize offered each month or week for the best idea or suggestion for the house. Such a plan is sure to bear good fruit and the reward, if only a dollar, for a good idea or suggestion, will have the desirable effect of keeping all the employees constantly on the alert and constantly working in the best interests of the establishment.

When an employee has turned in a good idea or suggestion and is entitled to the reward, a small card announcing the fact should be posted in the office and allowed to remain there during the week, and the sum paid on the pay-day following. This will act as a spur to every employee and will put plenty of ginger and snap into their work. This is an excellent plan and worthy of adoption by any progressive businessman. The idea of

the “suggestion box” is that many a man will write a communication when he might be too modest to speak of it; and if written it will doubtless be more complete and comprehensive.

The show card in the window is of inestimable value—this fact should not be lost sight of for a moment. Good show cards are quite catchy and it is always necessary to catch the eye before the individual brain can be interested sufficiently to cause the head to dive down into the pocket for any specific amount. Show cards may be very grave or gay, but never frivolous or vulgar. They should always be as brief as possible and to the point.

What a waste of time and money it is for any retailer to display an announcement of from one to two hundred words in his window and expect passing throngs will stop to read the story of his life. Such an announcement is unwise and foolish in the extreme; and it is usually the man that makes use of such “stuff” who says “advertising doesn't pay” and that “show cards are no good.”

Certain illustrations may be used on show cards to advantage, but only when the design is appropriate. Freak pictures and night mares in colors are more apt to lead people to question the sanity of the retailer who uses them than to attract trade. Comic illustrations are all right when appropriately executed—care should be exercised to avoid announcements of a personal nature. Mud slinging always dirties the hands.

An annoying thing for window trimmers during the cold weather is the frosting or freezing of moisture on the glass, which however may be overcome in various ways. When the window is sealed in at the back, ventilators in the top or holes bored through



the bottom of the sash will allow fresh air of practically the same temperature as outdoors to pass into the window, in which case the glass will not frost. When the rear portion of the window is open this plan is almost valueless, then the following mixture will be found efficacious. Take 55 grams of glycerine dissolved in one liter of 62 per cent. alcohol with some oil of amber added to improve the odor. When the mixture clarifies rub it on the inner surface of the glass and it will prevent frosting.

Announcements referring to the cold weather may be permissible at this season of the year—the following is suggested:

<p>COME IN OUT OF THE COLD</p> <p>And smoke one of our good cigars at 5c. to \$1 each. They won't make you hot.</p>
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The wording under the display may be changed to suit the individual taste of the merchant. The heading could be appropriately used on almost any announcement.

Wise men are wrong more frequently than fools are right, but no wise merchant could possibly be wrong in doing his best to make his show window catchy and up-to-date; and the more time he devotes to trimming his window and making his store attractive, the greater wisdom he displays. Wisdom is always a most valuable adjunct and essential in the selection of the right goods; and the wisest of the wise is he who gives the best value for the money—while it is the

foolish fool who expects people to buy, smoke and like goods that might more appropriately be on sale is a hay and feed store.

Here is another general idea, along the same line, that will be found effective:

<p>COLD DAYS</p> <p>Never touch smokers of our Blizzard 5c Cigar—try a few—they're</p> <p>WARM SMOKES.</p>
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This may not necessarily refer to a blizzard cigar—the name of the retailer's leading brand may be substituted if desired.

The card suggestion following may be used in referring to a cigar display and it is guaranteed to attract attention. The name of the cigar may be mentioned or not as thought best. Here is the idea:

<p>Come in and HAVE A FIT.</p> <p>We fit a good cigar to your face and pocket while you wait, and you are sure of . . . .</p> <p>A GOOD FIT EVERY TIME.</p>
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Everything is done nowadays "while you wait,"—why not the fitting of a fine cigar to the face and pocket?

A clean, square business proposition  
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## HOTEL NOTES OF INTEREST.

**M**CKINLEY Hotel is the name of the newest, most modern and handsomest house in Canton, Ohio, famous as the home city of our late President McKinley. The hotel has over 100 guest rooms with every known convenience and ideal furnishings. C. C. Horton is the able proprietor.

—After engaging a room by telegraph a traveler decided to stop at another hotel; he applied at the first hotel for his mail and was compelled by court order to pay one day's board.

—In Europe the table napkin is charged on the guest's check—usually two cents in our money—and Americans wax wroth at what they term the injustice of the system. Willy nilly the napkin is paid for at hotel and restaurant, and it decreases in size and splendor as one goes from the high priced hotel to the cheap restaurant, where it disappears entirely.

—When in a dining car travelers are said to eat more rapidly while the car is in motion; they also talk less and in more quiet and subdued tones when the train comes to a stop.

—Newell's Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., is a busy place and usually many smokers are in evidence. A sign over the cashier's desk reads: "No Cigarette Smoking in this dining room."

—Visitors to the World's Fair, St. Louis, will doubtless find ample hotel accommodations and at reasonable rates. In addition to many hostelrys, permanent and temporary, thousands of private homes are preparing to care for transients; and it is estimated that about 200,000 guests daily can be taken care of without crowding.

—The upstairs hotel which used to be a feature of New York life has almost disappeared and the few that remain no longer represent the best houses of that type. They used to

exist in large numbers in lower Broadway.

—Minnesota is progressing by leaps and bounds—it now produces five million frogs annually.

—In the near future hotels may supply each guest with a new pair of slippers made of leather paper. The slippers, manufactured in Germany, are not only serviceable and handsome, being made in a variety of colors, but are recommended from a hygienic standpoint.

—Baked mud as a food is said to be common not only in China, New Caledonia and New Guinea, but in the Malay Archipelago as well. In Java and Sumatra the clay used undergoes a preliminary preparation; it is mixed with water and reduced to a paste, all sand and foreign substances being removed. It is then baked in cakes or tablets in an iron sauce pan.

—The noted United States Hotel, Saratoga, N. Y., is to be conducted by the United States Hotel Co. This is the outcome of the partition suit, being a reorganization and change of ownership.

—He ordered a cup of coffee in the Senate cafe and then ate a full bowl of crackers which were on the table. As he passed out he remarked to the cashier:

"You ought to get another brand of oyster crackers. These are not very good."

"You certainly have eaten enough to know," replied the cashier.

—A newly organized company in Duluth, Minn., intends to "explore for iron and manufacture macaroni." It would be hard to imagine two occupations more widely different. The company seems to be in earnest, for it has already begun to build a macaroni plant.

—It is estimated that rats destroy food to the amount of \$60,000,000 annually.

—Coffee was first used in Africa,

but to Arabia is due its introduction to the world.

—Two chefs are to have a cooking contest. Each one is to serve a dinner of seven courses and the one producing the better meal is to receive \$1,000. The writer would prefer to attend this contest rather than a prize fight.

#### NEW YORK AMUSEMENTS.

**I**T is a noticeable fact that, during the investigation of the Fire Commissioner, none of the theatres controlled by F. F. Proctor have been mentioned by him as requiring any additional precautions. The "Proctor Plan" appeals particularly to matinee audiences of women and children, and this has made Mr. Proctor additionally cautious in providing for any emergency. Not alone are the ushers and the other members of the house staff given weekly drills in fighting fire and handling crowds, but the stages are kept in such perfect condition, and the lighting equipment is so carefully watched, that a catastrophe like that which occurred in Chicago would be absolutely impossible at any Proctor house. High-class entertainments may be seen at any of Mr. Proctor's houses, the 5th avenue, 58th street, and 125th street theatres producing favorite comedies and first-class vaudeville, while at the 23d street theatre sketches and vaudeville acts by head-line artists appear to crowded houses. Theatre goers may attend any of Proctor's theatres and see a good entertainment and feel safe.

—J. M. Barrie's "Little Mary" has found a congenial home at the Empire Theatre. Henry E. Dixie, Fritz Williams and other artists of note are in the cast.

—"Merely Mary Ann," with Eleanor Robson in the title part, is the popular play at the Garden Theatre.

—"The Virginian" is at the Manhattan Theatre—it is a pretty story and well acted.

—Augustus Thomas has made another bull's eye—"The Other Girl," at the Criterion, may out rival the "Earl of Pawtucket."

—Milly James is doing fine work along new lines in Clyde Fitch's "Glad Of It," at the Savoy Theatre.

—"The Girl From Kays" continues its success at the Herald Square Theatre. It has been a winner from the start and is now more popular than ever.

—"The County Chairman" is to remain at Wallack's indefinitely—it is a genuine hit.

—"Mother Goose," at the New Amsterdam continues to play to good business. It is a pretty spectacle and well told.

—Wm. Gillette remains at the New Lyceum in "The Admirable Crichton," as it seems to suit the public's taste.

Speaker Cannon recently issued strict orders to enforce the standing rule prohibiting smoking on the floor of the House. A few days thereafter, as the House adjourned, Mr. Cannon descended from the rostrum, took a weed from his pocket, struck a match and began to puff the cigar like a house afire. An officer approached Mr. Cannon timidly, and inquired.

"Do you want the rule against smoking enforced here?"

"Well, I forgot all about it," replied the Speaker. "I am going right out anyway," and he hurriedly made his escape.

Speaking of ex-Gov. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, a congressman recently remarked: "He's a fine fellow; and has only one fault—he will smoke bad cigars and give them to his friends."

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Old Nineteen O' Three  
Was as busy as a bee,  
May Nineteen O' Four  
Bring business galore.

Twelve quick turns of the calendar  
will bring another new year; and  
then 1904 will be history.

Time flies—the way to make your  
history a success is to improve each  
passing minute.

Take time to do things right and  
do everything just as well as you  
know how—it always pays.

If you sell a man a cigar, see that  
it is a good cigar—just as good as it  
possibly can be, price considered.

Don't give a man a sky parlor on  
the air shaft when an outside room

is available. The most for the money  
is always a good ad.

Inventory time is here; and every  
business man should take an inven-  
tory in order to know how much he is  
worth, and what he has made during  
the year.

A careful study of the inventory  
will show whether or not he has cal-  
culated correctly as to the quantity  
and kind of goods handled; and per-  
haps lead to more accurate figuring  
in the future.

In the average inventory there are  
many little pointers to success—only  
visible to the keen-eyed business man  
himself. Study it well. In this way  
the errors and oversights of last  
year may be avoided.

It looks as though "guessing con-  
tests" are a thing of the past—the  
Post Office bill, when enacted, will  
abolish all such schemes and forbid  
the use of the mails for such pur-  
poses.

This issue has been somewhat de-  
layed through the removal of our me-  
chanical department to New York  
City—delay in the delivery of freight  
was the most serious handicap. It is  
hoped that our subscribers will kind-  
ly bear with us and we shall endeavor  
to more than make up for it in the  
near future.

A press bureau has been established  
by Lucy Gaston Page, of Chicago, in  
her crusade against the cigarette,  
from which has been issued a paper  
entitled "Hell Paved With Tobacco."  
Many smokers will doubtless be much  
gratified to learn this, as they will  
be able to smoke in the hereafter, and  
will thank you kindly, dear Gaston.

A \$ 1\$ a \$small thing—when you owe  
one or more to a man, be \$ure to pay

him promptly, then he can pass the good thing along to those he owes, and perhaps to those who owe you; and very soon these little things will again repose in your pocket. It is well to remember that: He whom you owe owes other who owe you.

Speaking of dollars, we should like to have you roll one our way, that we may enter you on our list of subscribers and send you a lot of good reading during the year to come. Oh, yes! We will also send you 1000 gummed labels, printed to your order, which can be used to excellent advantage in a business way.

Some do and some don't use labels in advertising their business. Some use a few and mutilate a lot more; and then say that it doesn't pay. One label will not boom your business any more than one feather will make a feather bed. The merchant who will use gummed labels, and stick to it persistently, will find that more customers will stick to him. Wise merchants use thousands of gummed labels—others don't. Don't be a don't.

Bucket shops in cigar stores is the latest scheme a concern has been trying to work in Philadelphia, on which the minimum gamble would be 25 cents. The far-seeing tobacconist will steer clear of all such questionable propositions, no matter how alluring the commission end of it may appear.

Smoking is an awful habit—at a recent smoker in Kentucky several of those present made up a hunting party and the day following they killed some game, also one cat, one cow, one horse, and a few dogs. Nearly 2000 shots were fired, a number of families in the neighborhood moved and innumerable law suits have been

instituted. Perhaps it was a "drinker" instead of a "smoker."

The Tawney Anti-Coupon bill should be passed by Congress—in justice to the independent cigar and tobacco manufacturers and dealers.

The abolishment of the import stamp would injure no man, while on the other hand it would help every cigar manufacturer in the United States, especially the makers of clear Havana cigars. The man who "smokes with his eyes" seems to think that the import stamp is the Government's stamp of quality—which, of course, it is not. But just why the Government discriminates and requires an import stamp on cigars and not on other imported goods, is a question hard to answer. All goods should stand, or fall, strictly upon their own merits.

The Smoker's Magazine will shortly make its appearance in a new and unique cover, of special design, printed in colors. We trust that the handsome cover will please our many subscribers and readers. Other improvements are now in works.

#### AN EASY SIDE LINE.

**E**VERY traveler who desires a "side line" that will take but little of his time, requires small space in pocket and will add many dollars to his regular income, without going one step out of his way, should write at once, stating territory covered, and address in strictest confidence, with references,

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"Do the Turkish soldiers smoke Turkish cigarettes?"

"I suppose they do."

"Then it's no wonder the Macedonian soldiers cannot stand before them."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



## PUFFS OF SMOKE.

**L**AST year was a real record-breaker with the enterprising concern of Bustillo Bros. & Diaz, of New York, Tampa and Havana. Many new accounts of handsome proportions were opened and the factory was pushed to its limit to keep up with the steady flow of orders for Henry the Fourth, Alexander Humboldt, Flor del Mundo and the firm's other popular brands of clear Havana cigars. Jose M. Diaz and his well-trained corps of hustlers are certainly entitled to much credit for the heavy orders secured and the good work they have accomplished during the past twelve months. Good seed has been sown for this year and a rich harvest will be gathered.

—Business with the representative firm of E. Kleiner & Co., 320-322 East 63d street, New York, has been better than ever before for the past year; and during the month of December it was found necessary to work seven days a week so as to make shipments with any reasonable degree of promptness. The demand for Aroras, Lord Macauleys, and other high-grade smokes increases from day to day.

—The house of M. Stachelberg & Co., 383 & 385 West Broadway, New York, and Tampa, Fla., has just closed a most successful year's business; and there has been little or no let up since the Holiday trade was supplied, in the demand for the finer sizes of La Fama Universal, Milly James and their other brands of clear Havana cigars. It has been decided to discontinue the New York factory and consolidate the business at Tampa, which change will be consummated next month. The New York offices will be continued, but in the near future they are to be located at 9 West 18th street. This looks like a step in the right direction, inasmuch as the demand for Tampa-made goods shows a steady increase, which was discovered by

this progressive house when the Tampa factory was opened some two years ago. This change was made to meet the demands of their customers, and hereafter Stachelberg goods will bear the Tampa-made stamp. Ludwig Lasker has broken all of his past sales records, while Isador M. Lederer has kept up his end in a most satisfactory manner. Newton B. Stachelberg has filled many order books in his travels and looked after the Metropolitan trade in a highly pleasing manner. The results obtained during the past year are most gratifying to Edgar J. Stachelberg, and speaks well for his aggressive and far seeing management of the firm's affairs. The outlook for this year is very bright.

—W. I. Mayer & Co., 606 Liberty street, Pittsburg, Pa., have issued a very handsome and attractive calendar for 1904 which they will gladly send to any one upon receipt of stamps to cover postage. Note their advertisement on another page and what they have to say regarding "the best stogie smoke for the money." When writing be sure to ask for prices and you will be agreeably surprised.

—The output of the Ferdinand Hirsch Co., at Key West, Fla., steadily continues and the usual factory force are busily engaged in completing orders from the office files, which are well filled. The company made a most excellent showing during 1903 and the present year has opened in a most gratifying manner.

—"At the Sign of the Bull Dog" business is moving along in a highly agreeable manner, both as to volume and the fairly prompt shipment of orders. The past two weeks have been busy ones with the Roycroft Segar Shop of John W. Merriam & Co., and every week and every month have shown a steady increase in the output of Henry Irving, Baron De Kalb, Bull Dog, Ellen Terry and the other popu-

lar "Habana Segars" of this hustling concern. The new year has opened with a steady demand and orders of goodly size are on file, while other sizable ones are being received in almost every mail. The prospects for the future are as rosy as the red Bull Dog.

—P. Pohalski & Co. have just closed a heavy year's business at their Key West factory. The present indications point to a very busy season, and a fine lot of tobacco was recently purchased by E. R. Lincon upon his visit to Havana.

—The past three hundred-odd days have seen a large increase in the demand for the clear Habana cigars of the Ruy Lopez Ca., of Key West, Fla., which has been a year of successes and the reputation of the brand has become more wide-spread and fixed with the best trade of the country, and the outlook for 1904 is most cheerful. Roy Barrett will look after the interests of the house in the South and on the Coast, where he will doubtless surpass even his own good record as an expert cigar salesman. Isaac Lowenhaupt, whose wide experience on the road has taught him how, will represent the Ruy Lopez Ca. in New York and Pennsylvania. John Wardlow, the President of the company, is expected to spend a few days in New York about the middle of this month, in order to arrange certain business matters and details with John W. Merriman. This well matched team will skillfully look after the interests of thousands of smokers and connoisseurs before the present calendar has outlived its usefulness.

—An unusually active campaign has been planned by the firm of E. W. Schwarz & Co., of New York, during the current year and the various members of the firm will do considerable traveling and make frequent calls on their customers in the various sections of the country. Major F. S.

Burroughs will represent the company on the Pacific coast and a most excellent showing may be looked for in that direction.

#### HOTEL REGISTER DATES.

**W**E desire to give every hotel in the country a set of Register Dates, for the full year 1904, all gummed and ready for use. These Dates are handy, neat and attractive; the size is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide by 5 inches long, being printed in a brilliant red ink on first quality white paper, their use will improve the appearance of any Hotel Register, facilitate reference, and save clerk's time—they are business-like and up-to-the-times.

No advertising appears on them—they are simply Register Dates, you have need for them and they will be useful to you. Every Hotel man should read The Smoker's Magazine, which contains much valuable information and matter that will not only interest him, but also hundreds of his guests. Kindly send \$1 for a year's subscription, and we will mail you a set of Register Dates, Free. The best Hotels use them and no up-to-date house can afford to do without them.

Register Dates are certainly valuable and as the supply is limited, orders should be sent in at once, which will be filled promptly. Sample date lines and also samples of Gummed Labels for forwarding Guests' Mail, furnished upon request. Address letters and orders to

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41 Park Row, New York.

—George F. Murray has opened a modern cigar stand in the new Bank Building, Utica, N. Y. He also owns the cigar stands in the Bagg's and St. James Hotels, that city, and is doing a fine business, because he knows how.

## IN THE SMOKE HOUSES.

**U**NDER the proprietorship of Frank V. Volts and Gaylord Tucker—two young hustlers who know how—a handsome and attractive cigar store has been opened in Cohocton, N. Y.

—A very handsome and well equipped cigar store has been opened by Walter Yeager, 214 W. Arch street, Pottsville, Pa.

—D. Scully has purchased the cigar business heretofore conducted by P. Miller & Son, Astoria, Ore.

—Up-to-dateness is shown in the attractive cigar store recently opened by Reuben Adams, Glens Falls, N. Y.

—Under the able management of Prentice Watson, a new and well stocked cigar and tobacco store has been opened in Sanford, Me.

—In Palouse, Wash., the cigar store recently conducted by L. A. West has been purchased by C. A. Hart.

—H. W. Haaze has purchased the cigar store in Sayre, Pa., heretofore conducted by C. V. Harris.

—Fred W. Gies is the hustling owner of a new cigar retailing establishment at 237 W. Federal street, Youngstown, Ohio.

—Harry Esray has acquired, through purchase, the cigar store formerly owned by S. B. Jamison, E. Market street, West Chester, Pa.

—The cigar business of M. Horwitz, Alpena, Mich., has been purchased by George A. Hillyer, who will continue the business at the old stand.

—One of the most handsome and up-to-the-minute cigar stores in that part of the State has been opened at Sumter, S. C., by C. G. Snead, a wholesale drug traveler, who has engaged the services of John McKenzie, an experienced cigarman of ability, who will assume the management of the establishment and doubtless make an excellent showing.

—Rockford, Ill., has a handsome cigar store of the first-class, under

the able hand of Robert Shockley, who is showing that thorough experience brings success.

—Chas. Breneiser & Sons, have opened a cigar store at 7th and Penn streets, Reading, Pa., which has been improved and made one of the finest stores in the city.

—Archie Russell has opened an attractive cigar retailing establishment on Goodyear avenue, Austin, Pa.

—William Clayton has purchased the cigar business of J. A. Halter, Lancaster, N. Y., which will undergo improvements of rather an elaborate nature.

—Under the able and masterly hand of A. T. Warfel a handsome cigar store has been opened on S. Broad street, Lancaster, Pa.

—The cigar establishment recently owned by Huau & Loraine, in Jacksonville, Fla., has been purchased by the J. S. Pinkussohn Cigar Co., making the tenth link in this enterprising company's chain of first-class cigar stores in the South.

—The cigar store formerly owned by D. W. Haines, Jr., Warwick, N. Y., has been purchased by H. R. McCaulay, of Easton, Pa., who is showing his ability to run the business in first-class style.

—L. E. Chambers, of Punxsutawney, has purchased the cigar establishment of C. H. Ford, Ridgeway, Pa., which promises to be a decided success under Mr. Chambers' aggressive management.

—Henry L. Bowles has purchased the widely-known cigar store of Louis Krug, at 741 Main street, Hartford, Conn., which was established in 1870.

—The cigar establishment of Joseph Abbe, has been removed to larger, more attractive and commodious quarters at Railroad avenue and Cooper street, Beverly, N. J.

—I. Buttonmaker has opened a very handsome cigar establishment at 6 School street, Boston, Mass., near

his old stand, which was acquired some time ago by the U. C. S. Co. Mr. Buttonmaker will do a wholesale and retail business in high-grade cigars, pipes and tobacco. The store is elaborately fitted and one of the handsomest in the city.

—Thomas Monahan is the new proprietor of the neat cigar store recently owned by J. J. Flynn, in Derby, Conn.

—H. B. Morrow & Co. have opened a very handsome and well equipped cigar store at Union and Cherry streets, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Morrow's previous experience in the cigar line will enable him to manage the business successfully.

—At 156 N. Main street, Wichita, Kas., W. E. Reeves, for many years a hustling salesman, has opened a modern handsome cigar store, which, under his skilful hand, should prove a winner.

—The United States Arcade building has a first-class cigar stand known as the U. S. A. News Bureau, Fulton and Pearl streets, New York, which is owned by Miss M. Fletcher, who has demonstrated her ability to sell cigars and make a success of the business.

—One of the most popular and well-known cigar women in the South is Mrs. Cecilia Wilhite, who has full charge of the Oriental Hotel cigar stand, Dallas, Texas. She is well-fitted for the charge, as she is well acquainted with the cigar business from beginning to end.

—Fred Frisch is back again on Park Row, New York, next door to his old store, which was one of his most successful stands. Mr. Frisch is somewhat crowded for space in his new store, in which considerable ingenuity has been displayed in arranging a large stock of smokables.

—Less than two years ago Wm. H. Routier established the Climax cigar store at 3 E. Main street, Battle Creek, Mich., and within that period he has

built up a rattling good trade in high-grade goods—entirely due to the goods, and the effective advertising originated by the man behind the counter.

—The success of Herman Sorg, the popular cigarman of Pittsburg, Pa., in the short span of about four years has been nothing if not phenomenal. His handsome establishment is now three times its original size, and the total sales of the first month's business has been multiplied many times over every year. Giving value and advertising the fact always pays.

#### THE WORLD OF TOBACCO.

**N**INE-TENTHS of all the clay pipes used in this country are made in factories situated at Durhamville, Syracuse and Brooklyn, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and Detroit, Mich. These being the five leading clay pipe factories in the United States. Large quantities of the pipes are also exported.

—The cigar and tobacco trade seem to be united for the passage of the Tawney Anti-Coupon Bill, which is now before Congress. It will benefit the whole trade and should go through without opposition.

—Situated in Decatur County, Georgia, is the largest tobacco farm in the world. It consists of 18,000 acres and 1,500 hands are necessary to work it. The farm is divided into 20 farms of about equal size, on which are located 30 houses, 400 shacks, over 100 tobacco barns and three saw mills. The operating expenses amount to nearly \$500,000 a year. A. Cohn & Co., of New York, are the proprietors.

—A new \$10 counterfeit bill has been discovered, which is on the Elliott National Bank of Boston; series of 1882, check letter C.; B. K. Bruce, Register; A. Wyman, Treasurer. Charter number 876. Bank number 4235; treasury number W43930. The bill is a photographic reproduction on good

paper with ink lines to imitate the silk fibre. The counterfeiters who made this bill were apprehended last month in Boston by Secret Service officers.

—The giving of books of cigarette papers in packages of tobacco is prohibited in the State of Tennessee.

—A slotless slot-machine has been operated in a Western cigar store for some time past. A plate was screwed over the slot, but the patrons of the place didn't seem to find it very difficult to lay their money on the counter and then play the machine for all it was worth. The cigarman evidently thinks there is no law to stop his patrons amusing themselves in this manner.

—The Cuban Treaty Bill was passed by Congress last month and took effect at 12.01 a. m. Dec. 27, 1903. The trade was opposed to the passage of the treaty and vigorously fought the reduction of 20 per cent. on Cuban tobacco products coming into this country. Cigar manufacturers will have to adjust themselves to the new conditions and smokers who expect to save 20 per cent. on the cost of their Havana cigars will be disappointed—in but few instances will they profit by the reduction. On Havana cigars manufactured in the United States there will be a saving of about \$1.50 to \$2.00 per thousand, according to a manufacturer who is a close figurer and knows whereof he speaks. This difference will doubtless be made up to the trade by making the cigars a trifle thicker and prices will remain about the same as in the past.

—The 1904 crop of Havana tobacco the present indications are, will be of very fine quality and all that could be desired by any manufacturer. The recent good rains in the Vuelta Abajo district have considerably brightened the prospects for a large crop.

—Robert Burns' cottage at Ayrshire will be reproduced in practical-

ly every detail at the World's Fair, St. Louis. Will the advertising of Robert Burns' cigars, with its effective Scotch plaid design, be in evidence?

—The result of the Florodora guessing contest was announced early this month. The winners of the larger prizes are:

J. E. Elwell, Ottawa, Kans., \$5,000. J. H. Walton, Greenfield, Ind., and S. J. Cannon Wolfe's Summit, \$2,500 each. E. O. Hamstrom, Kingsbury, Cal.; J. C. Shaw, Bloomfield, Iowa; Bicket, & Huthstainer, Cincinnati, Ohio; John H. Brown, Lucas, Iowa, and J. J. Graff, Washington, D. C., \$1,000 each. The number of cigars on which the Government received \$3 per thousand during the month of November were 578,157,470. There were something over eight million guesses and Mr. Elwell's nearest estimate was 578,157,407—within 63 of the actual number, and for which he will receive \$5,000.

—Recently the clear Havana Cigar Manufacturerers' Association of the United States sent a communication to Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee, urging a repeal of the law requiring the import stamp on imported cigars. Favorable and prompt action would be only justice to the cigar manufacturers of the country.

—Proprietors of cigar stores cannot buy leaf tobacco for the purpose of advertising in their store windows, and hands of tobacco must not be used for display purposes. Leaves and hands of tobacco made of paper-mache are an excellent substitute and fully as effective for advertising.

—The Cigar Dealers' Association of America held their second annual convention in the Sherman House, Chicago, on the 12th inst. The various reports showed that the organization is making good progress and increasing its membership throughout the



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country, which is most gratifying. New officers and directors were elected as follows: President, Robt. E. Lane, New York; first vice president, C. J. Holton, Detroit; second vice president, T. J. Donigan, New York; third vice president, Samuel Joseph, Cincinnati; secretary, C. E. Case, Chicago; and treasurer, Jacob Berolzheimer, Chicago. Directors: President Lane, chairman; C. J. Holton, Detroit; T. J. Donigan, New York; Sidney J. Freeman, New York; E. L. Smith, Grand Rapids; R. G. Fischer, Minneapolis; L. K. Newman, St. Paul; C. H. Tracy, Omaha; Samuel I. Josephs, Cincinnati, and John J. Dolan, M. W. Duffley, Emil Griefen, I. Latzar, Wm. F. Monroe, Henry Leopold, John P. Stewart and Albert Breitung all of Chicago. An important change in the tax due the national association by the locals was as follows: annual tax of \$5 for associations of 50 members or less; \$10 for 50 to 200 members; and \$25 for over 200 members.

—The passage of the Reciprocity Treaty Bill came as a Christmas gift to the Cubans and there was general rejoicing in Havana.

—Arrested 102 times for selling cigars on Sunday is certainly breaking the record—this has been the experience of an English cigar dealer, whose pluck and persistence is something to admire. Perhaps there is method in his madness—it is certainly good advertising.

—Last month the cigar jobbing firm of Fitzpatrick & Draper, Troy, N. Y., were burnt out, causing a loss of \$125,000, which was practically covered by insurance.

—When tobacco enters into the composition of cinnamon cigarettes it is a rule of the Revenue Department that same are taxable as cigarettes.

—The cigar output of New York City decreased 99,153,994 during the past year as compared with 1902. This is accounted for by the removal of many cigar factories to Key West and Tampa. The year to come will doubtless see many more removals to Key West and Havana.

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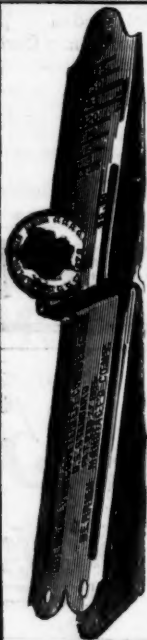
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—The Wheeling stogie output during 1903 was 93,000,000. Regarding which the New York Sun tentatively queries: Ninety million bad smokes? Oh; there are worse.

—Tobacco culture in Ireland has so far proven a discouraging experiment. Tobacco will grow in the Land of the Shamrock, but there is insufficient sunshine to ripen and save it.

—The cigar output of New York City during 1903 was 922,534,306.

—The French Government owns the largest tobacco factory in the world, which is located at Lille. The output is about 50,000 tons a year. Nearly 16,000 hands are employed, the men receiving \$7 and the women \$4.50 per week.

—A New York Court has decided that Jack has a perfect right to chew his quid on the high seas without molestation from his superior officer. His captain objected forcibly and was compelled to pay Jack \$162.50 damages.

—The cigarmakers strike in San Juan, Porto Rico, recently, was the cause of bloodshed, and the shooting of three cigarmakers. The strike has been on for many weeks and has assumed a very serious phase. About 1,300 men are out.

—The annual report of the Retail Cigar Dealers' Association of New York shows that since last May a total business of \$187,000 has been transacted, which increased gradually from \$12,000 a month. Horses and wagons are to be purchased shortly and better service will be given during the ensuing year. It is expected that a branch depot will be opened in Brooklyn.

—An improved cigar vending machine has been invented and patented by Theo. N. Goffe, Springfield, Mo. The Revenue Department has passed favorably on the device.

—In Belgium, Holland, 34 ounces of tobacco are smoked per capita annually. Germany leads with 48 ounces,

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—Empty cigar boxes need not necessarily be destroyed—the stamp must be destroyed, and the box must not again be used for cigars, says the Revenue Department.

—The fight against paper wrapped smokes is continued by Lucy Gaston Page, of Chicago. She has established a press bureau, which is intended to supply information and advice. Papers already issued are: "Cigarettes and Devil's Device," "What Killed Darling Willie?" "Sucking Death Through a Paper Tube," "Hell Paved With Tobacco," "Made a Murderer at Ten," "Why Charlie Chopped His Mother's Head Off," "Smoke a Cig and Drop Dead," "Cigarette Slime Sent Him to Jesus," and "Suicide by Swallowing a Stogie." How sensible (?) all that sounds—some folks like to waste their time and spend other people's money.

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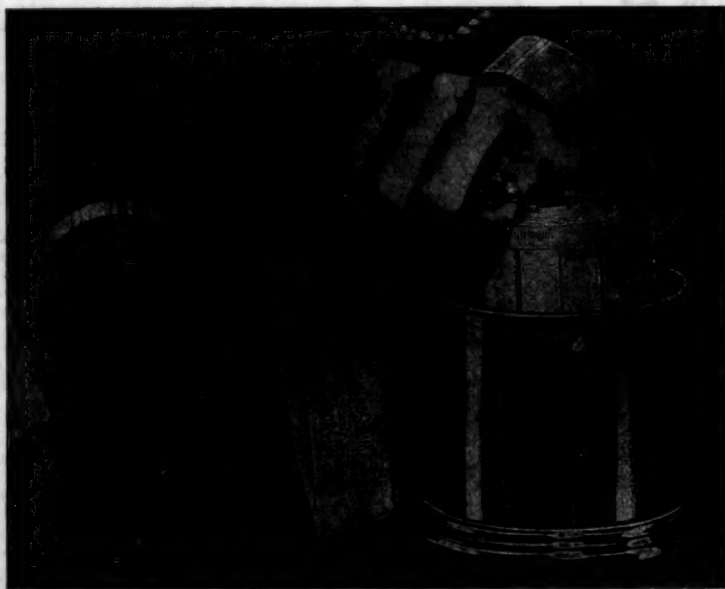
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